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Lest we forget—spring begins at 3:18 to-morrow morning.

Missouri is showing us how to sell U. S. thrift and war savings stamps.

Possibly the extensive publicity given to the supposed German drive on the western front is being carried out to divert attention from the movements being conducted in other parts of Europe.

We think the Brattleboro Reformer is inaccurate in stating that Brattleboro is the first war chest fund raised in Vermont. Lyndonville has a war chest fund, we believe, only it goes under a somewhat different name.

If the United States government should be able to find the persons who have been putting ground glass in bread it would be fitting punishment to force the perpetrators of the cowardly crime to eat bread of that bake for a week, or until—well until.

The spinning nose dive seems to be particularly hazardous for American aviators, a large number of the recruits having been killed during the performance of the act. If the spinning nose dive is not essential to beating the Germans, it might be well to reserve that act for the county fair or some other like place.

Much as one may direct his thoughts to other things, his mind wanders back to the big events taking place over the ocean and to the American boys who are now playing a part in the great drama. It is not outside the truth to say that America's interest is centered now on the grim work of carrying on the war to a successful climax for the cause of the entente allies.

Despite official protests from Washington early in our participation in the war, American officers and soldiers in France are being decorated with special French war medals for bravery or some special work in the furtherance of the war aims of the allies. Apparently the United States government is going to let the matter solve itself and to allow France to pay her own tribute.

The bombing of German cities by allied airmen is just a taste of the bitter drugs which the German mailed fist has forced subjugated people to drink in copious draughts. But even so, the German people are beginning to squirm in their discontent with the continuance of the war which brings such bad features to their very doors. They are getting a hint of what invasion of their country would mean.

The British should not be able to present strong alibis for letting Zeppelins get away after bombarding English towns. The huge airships form such large targets and are, withal, so vulnerable that they ought to be brought down much more often than the swift-darting airplanes. Every time a Zeppelin attacks England and gets away, it furnishes a serious reproach to the English air defenses.

An American army of half a million in France "early this year" will have to be accomplished pretty soon to come under the wire, but there are positive assurances that the program will be carried out, as well as the added feature of a million and a half men by Jan. 1, 1919. The delay of the Kaiser in starting his much advertised offensive against the allies on the western front is militating to the advantage of the United States and our allies.

More than one-third of the casualties in the American army abroad thus far have been due to disease rather than to the bullets or other weapons of the enemy. No doubt a large percentage of the diseases are due to the transplanting of the men from their own country to foreign territory with its different environment. With the acclimatization of the troops there should be a marked lessening in the proportion of deaths from disease.

The village of Concord in Essex county comes into a good-sized inheritance through the will of the late Mrs. Angeline S. Judevine. The Judevine family has been given to public beneficence. Hardwick is another Vermont town which has benefited through bequests from members of the family of that name. There is no doubt that Concord can put the income of its \$20,000 to good use, for it is a small, struggling country place of 1,000 population with a large tax rate. Strangely enough, granite manufacturing constitutes one of its chief business activities.

The Germans know that a drive on the western front would cost approximately 300,000 German lives; and they know what an effect that loss would have on the German people, who have had their first taste of peace in nearly four years, albeit the peace on the eastern front is largely froth. Once having experienced the sensation of the cessation of costly warfare even in one sector of the world

conflict, they are likely to regard tremendous bloodshed elsewhere with great disfavor.

Theodore Roosevelt, ex-president, soldier, student of economic affairs and deliver into the why and wherefore of national problems, is a thorough believer in the value of the thrift movement inaugurated by the United States government in the form of thrift stamps and war savings stamp purchase. Roosevelt says: "I regard war savings as an opportunity on the part of every man, woman and child of our one hundred million people for loyal service to the government and to our men at the front, and for making character and credit in and people themselves upon whom the future civilization of the world so largely depends." Therefore, buy thrift stamps and war savings stamps.

If Congress takes time to investigate every unauthenticated charge made in connection with this war it will have no chance to do any really constructive work any time this year. One of the most foolish investigations proposed is to determine whether the crew of the British ship *Tuscania* showed cowardice when that vessel was torpedoed off the north Ireland coast. The investigation was proposed on the evidence submitted by an American soldier in a letter to some relative back in the United States; the relative took the matter up with the home congressman and the home congressman immediately ran to Congress with the story. It would be unwise for Congress to fritter away time over a bygone matter like that rather than to turn its attention to something vitally important in the immediate future. Furthermore, the *Tuscania* was in British commission, as we understand it, and the investigation, if any were to be made, would properly come within the province of the British government.

BELGIAN STOUT-HEARTEDNESS.

Announcement that a Belgian army has taken over a considerable sector of the western front near the North sea coast is somewhat surprising news. It is to be presumed that the Belgian forces heretofore fighting on the great line are still holding their place there and that the additional sector has been taken over by a new force. If the latter surmise is correct, the development shows that the little nation, all but crowded off the face of the map, has considerable recuperative powers and is far from being a down and out nation despite the fact that it has lost practically all its territory. The whole world will admire the pluck of the little government led by King Albert. We dare say that even a spark of admiration will rise in the breasts of the war lords who forced Belgians to relinquish all but a small area in the extreme southwestern point of their country. It may be that the development of the Belgian military power will be taken as an ominous sign by those very same war lords—a sign that when such a small and oppressed nation as Belgium can come back there is likelihood of tremendous surging of power through the other and larger allied nations, to say nothing of the constantly developing power of the United States. Small as the incident is, it is nevertheless very heartening to the allies.

SOUTH WALDEN

George Smith was a business visitor in St. Johnsbury one day last week.

Mrs. A. F. Grow was a guest of Mrs. Morse in Hardwick last week Wednesday.

Miss Gladys Dow has pneumonia at the home of her cousin, Morris Jennings, in Hardwick, where she was visiting when taken ill last week.

Charles Farrington is on the sick list. The winter term of school here closed last Friday.

Henry Lovejoy and wife of Hardwick were guests at Frank Wilcox' last week Wednesday.

One of Edward Besette's eyes was injured recently. He went to St. Johnsbury Saturday to have his eyes fitted by Dr. Crampton.

Mr. Harriman has finished work in the creamery here, and has taken a position in a creamery at Lyndonville.

Dan Smith is at W. D. Barnett's to work for the spring and summer.

Forrest Benjamin of Hardwick was a visitor at Archie Miles' Sunday.

CITY LICENSES AND REGISTRATION

Under the city ordinances every keeper of a hotel, cafe, victualling house, lunch-room or lunch-wagon; also every keeper of a stall, stand or booth for the sale of soft drinks, fruit, refreshments, etc.; also all peddlers and itinerant vendors, including peddlers of meat, fish and provisions; also all exhibitors of shows of any kind; and any menagerie or circus exhibited within the city; all billiard and pool-rooms, bowling alleys and shooting galleries; all owners of public hacks, truck and express wagons; and all persons or firms doing plumbing within the city are required to take out a license in accordance with chapters 27, 29, 30, 36 and 82 of the City Ordinances. All licenses expire April 1 each year.

All physicians, surgeons, dentists, midwives or person practicing medicine, surgery, dentistry or midwifery; every undertaker and sexton of a cemetery or burial place within the limits of the city; and every palmer, mind-reader, fortune-teller, clairvoyant, medium or hypnotist are required to register in accordance with chapter 15 of the Revised Ordinances of City of Barre.

Dated March 20, 1918.

JAMES MACKAY, City Clerk.

DOG LICENSES

Notice to Owners or Keepers. All dogs within the city one month old and over on the 1st day of April must be licensed on or before April 1, 1918, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes of Vermont and amendments thereto; and chapter 43, section 4, of the City Ordinances.

After May 15, 1918, all unlicensed dogs will be shot and the owners subject to a fine of twenty dollars.

Dated March 20, 1918.

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WATERBURY

Mrs. O. M. Norton, Who Died Yesterday, Had Been Ill Long Time.

Mrs. O. M. Norton, who had been ill for some time with tubercular trouble, passed away yesterday afternoon. Laura Munson was born in Westford thirty-four years ago, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Munson, her father, surviving her. Most of her married life was spent in Burlington, Mr. Norton being a painter by trade. Since last May they have resided here, Mr. Norton being employed at the hospital. Besides her husband and father, she is survived by three children, Loretta, Laura and Luther; also four sisters and one brother. The body will be taken to Westford, where funeral services will be held, and burial will take place.

The funeral of Peter Moriarty, who died in Warren yesterday at the age of 96 years, will be held from St. Andrew's church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Robert Devoy officiating. Burial will be in the Holy Cross cemetery.

Lewis A. Morse was in West Berlin yesterday attending the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Marinda Robinson, the widow of Loren Robinson, who died about three years ago. Rev. L. O. Sherburne of Montpelier officiated and the bearers were Ira Edison of Montpelier, Clinton Slack of Northfield, Herbert Robinson of White River Junction and Lewis A. Morse of this place. Mrs. Robinson was born in Calais, but had lived for many years in West Berlin, being a faithful member of the church in that place. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Ada Robinson, a niece, Mrs. Lillian Lyon of Lynn, Mass., and her nephew, Lewis A. Morse of this town. Beside Mr. Morse, there were present for out of town people, Ira Edison and daughter of Montpelier, Mrs. Lillian Lyon of Lynn, Mass., Herbert Robinson of White River Junction, Harlie Slack and Clinton Slack of Northfield.

SHOULD RECEIVE ATTENTION.

Immigration Questions Between Japan and United States.

Tokio, March 20.—M. Mochizuki, the head of the recent parliamentary mission to the United States, recently declared in Parliament that the emigration questions between America and Japan should receive attention. The foreign minister agreed with him.

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The above was not written, though it might have been, yesterday, last week, last month, or last year. It appeared in the English *Fortnightly Review* February, 1917, shortly before the surrender of Paris. Frederick Harrison the writer, is still alive. Its statements were true then, are true now. Julius Caesar in his commentaries narrates events



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Other loans	626,847.96	Surplus fund	60,000.00
Bonds and investments	298,704.89	Trust guarantee fund	6,000.00
Real estate	54,887.37	Undivided profits	4,767.09
Fixture account	15,313.09	Dividend No. 25 (8 per ct.)	4,000.00
Funds on hand and in banks	91,923.41	Deposits	1,933,897.20
Total	\$2,058,664.29	Total	\$2,058,664.29

We pay all taxes on deposits, whether on interest accounts or checking accounts. In other words, you can have on deposit on the first of April, any sum of money you may wish, either on an interest account or a checking account, and it is absolutely free from all taxation.

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Save to Win

The boys from Barre are in the trenches to-day, to-morrow they may go over the top.

We cannot do much for the boys, but we must not let it be said when their names are read from that silent roll of honor that they gave up their last full measure of devotion for an ungrateful and selfish people.

We can save for them, and we must save. We can buy War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps, and we must do it. Barre has got to raise \$20 per capita, and to do this each man, woman and child must buy at least 50c worth each week. WILL YOU DO YOUR SHARE? COME IN TO-DAY.

The people are already saving in a manner that would seem almost marvelous in peace times, but war calls for the maximum in every one, and we must awake to the necessity of a supreme effort. IT IS AN IMPERATIVE CALL.

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The people want to help win the war, and their savings in this bank will contribute to that end, for we are behind the government to the finish. If Germany wins, our money will do us no good, and your home, your business and all that you have struggled for, will be an empty possession.

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